



Parent Academy Module 6: Writing List Master (4-5)

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Scavenger Hunt (4-5)

Vroom Tip: Before you go out, make a list with your child of natural things to collect as you go, like leaves or stones. When you get back, see if they can count how many of each item they found. Talk together about what you notice. What's the same and what's different about them?

Brainy Background™: Making a list is a great way to expose your child to the everyday importance of reading and writing. When you talk back-and-forth about what you see, you're building their communication skills and vocabulary. When they explore the world around them, they're learning about science firsthand.

Menu Maker (4-5)

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Mail Time (2-3)

Vroom Tip: Talk to your child about getting mail and what it means. Then write them a note or give them a piece of junk mail or store flyer and say, "Mail Time!" After they look at it, take turns talking about the letters, pictures, colors, and designs.

Brainy Background™: This game sets the stage for a back-and-forth conversation. As you talk about mail, your child's vocabulary grows. As you point at the letters, they begin to understand that the lines on paper stand for sounds, words, and objects. This is a big step in becoming a reader.

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